Madras. The Corporation of Madras has constructed houses for the homeless in a few places which provide accommodation for nearly 250 families. It has also developed a few colonies in which sites are allotted to the homeless at a nominal rental. These colonies provide accommodation for nearly 1,000 families.''

SRI A. RATHINAM :—'' May I know from the Hon. Minister whether the Government are aware of the fact that untouchability is very acute in the City of Madras on account of non-admissibility of Harijan families to live side by side with caste Hindu families in rented buildings, and in view of that fact only the number of pavement-dwellers and the number of slums are increasing here day by day? ''

THE HON. SRI D. SANJIVAYYA :—'' It is not anything that I know of.''

Allegations against the Superintendent, Government Mental Hospital, Madras.

* 405 *Q.*—SRI S. VEMIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any complaint, dated 22nd November 1952 alleging maladministration, from workers of Government Mental Hospital, Kilpauk, Madras, against the Superintendent of the Hospital ; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter stands now?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—'' (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

'' (*b*) Does not arise.''

Government Buildings in Government Estate, Mount Road.

* 406 *Q.*—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of permanent occupants of the Government buildings in the Government Estate, Mount Road, who are (1) officials ; (2) assembly members ; and (3) non-officials ; and

(*b*) the rent derived from each of the three categories in (*a*)?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—

'' (*a*) Officials	218
Members of the Legislature	4
Non-officials	6

'' (*b*) Rs. 1,889–6–0 per mensem from officials.

Rs. 103–14–0 per mensem from Members of the Legislature.

Rs. 285–11–0 per mensem from non-officials.''

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Sri V. Balakrishnan :—" How many of the number given under 'Officials' belong to the category of the servants of the Government of India and how many belong to the category of the servants of the Madras State?"

The Hon. Sri N. Ranga Reddi :—" State Government officials are 214, Central Government officials are 4."

Nilambur Producers-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society.

* 407 *Q.*—Sri K. P. Gopalan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Co-operation be pleased to state whether the Government received any petition, dated 13th March 1953, from the Action Committee elected by the Nilambur Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society share holders and the Public regarding the grave mismanagement of the society; and if so, what action has been taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—" Yes, Sir. The matter is under examination."

Sri K. P. Gopalan :—" Is it a fact that Rs. 80,000 were misappropriated in the Nilambur Producer-cum-Consumer Co-operative Society, and will the Hon. Minister be pleased to appoint an officer to go into the whole case of misappropriation by the P.C.C. Societies in Malabar and put an end to this kind of profession?"

The Hon. Sri D. Sanjivayya :—' It is a fact that such a huge amount is alleged to have been misappropriated and we have already referred the matter to the District Collector of Malabar who is vested with all the powers of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies, to look into the matter."

Reserve lands in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk.

* 408 *Q.*—Sri K. R. Viswanathan : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total extent of Harijan Reserve and ex-military Reserve lands available for cultivation in Arungal village, Udayarpalayam taluk;

(*b*) the number of acres out of these reserves brought under cultivation; and

(*c*) whether the Government propose to convert these reserves into assessed waste lands?

The Hon. Sri M. A. Manickavelu Naicker :—" (*a*) The total extent of Harijan Reserve lands is 474·41 acres. No land is reserved for ex-servicemen.

" (*b*) 36·82 acres.

" (*c*) No, Sir."